



## **Appeal Waiver Request**

Regarding CC Docket #02-6

Applicant Name: YWCA of Miami

Entity Number: 17014333

Funding Year: 2017-2018

## **Contact Information**

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## **Applicant Information**

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Applicant Name: YWCA of Miami

Billed Entity Number: 17014333

## **This a request for a Waiver/Appeal of the USAC designation for YWCA of Miami**

### **Waiver/Appeal Request Detail**

471 Out of Window Certification Letter: 5/18/2017 – Funding Year 2017-2018

Date Submitted: 5/18/2017

Date Certified: 5/18/2017

Form 471 Information: 171048261

FCDL Date - N/A

### **Funding Request Number: 1799111895**

Service Provider Name: CallTower

Service Provider Identification Number:143026968

**Total Post Discount Request: 1620.00**

### **Funding Request Number: 1799111896**

Service Provider Name: CallTower

Service Provider Identification Number: 143026968

**Total Post Discount Request: 49,680.00**

### **USAC Designation/Reason for Appeal**

Form 471 #171048261- YWCA of Miami – Certified of out Window

#### **Rationale for this request:**

During the 2017-2018 filing window, I attempted to complete our 471 form. This attempt was made on 5/11/2017, which was the deadline for 471 forms to be submitted. However, after logging into the EPC portal, I was directed to a section titled “Entity Information” because our organization was classified in the system as both an Urban and Rural entity. I tried to modify the information however, the section was locked and did not allow for editing. Also, the portal would not let me move forward with completing the 471 form.

After calling USAC, the information was updated to reflect the accurate information. Once that was done, I was able to go into the system and complete the 471 form for the organization. Since there was an error with the EPC portal, we were unable to file and certify the 471 by the deadline. We did however, complete the form on 5/18/2017 which is within 14 days of the funding window close period.

## **Circumstances to Consider**

- I attempted to complete the form prior to the deadline but was unable to do so, due to an error in the portal.
- The form was certified and completed on 5/18/2017, within 14 days of the window close

## **Past FCC Erate rulings approving waivers of this nature**

Past FCC Ruling

FCC

DA 12-1469

September 14, 2012

The Order and Order on Reconsideration reviewed 39 requests from petitioners seeking review of decisions made by USAC under the eRate program. These petitioners were seeking waivers on the Form 471 filing window deadline. The requests were granted for those schools within 14 days after the filing window deadline.

Justification was cited on past FCC Rules specifically File Nos. SLD-487009, et al., CC Docket No. 02-6, Order, 25 FCC Rcd 9256 (2010) (Academy of Math and Science Order) (finding special circumstances exist to justify granting waiver requests where, for example, petitioners filed their FCC Forms 471 within 14 days after the FCC Form 471 filing window deadline or filed their Form 471 on time, but failed to timely file their certifications); Also, the following order or docket #: CC Docket NO. 02-6, Order, 26 FCC red 354.

The request is made for a Waiver/Appeal to be granted. By granting this Waiver/Appeal, USAC could be directed to review YWCA of Miami's application for funding during the Funding Year 2017.

Your favorable consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions.

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